

Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph at Page 69 lines 10-17 with the following amended paragraph:

The human erythropoietin (hEPO) gene was RT-PCR amplified from polyA+ human kidney RNA (Clontech, Palo Alto, CA) using synthetic oligonucleotides upstream primer 5'- CTCGAGATGGGGTGCACGAATGTCCTGCC (SEQ. ID. NO. 1) and downstream primer 5'GTCGACTCATCTGTCCCCTGTGCAGGC (SEQ. ID. NO. 2) and cloned into pCR2.1-TOPO (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA). Then the coding region for hEPO was excised by EcoRI and cloned into the mammalian expression plasmid pTM4 to construct pTM7 (CM V-hEPO-IRES-eGFP).

Please add the Sequence Listing, submitted herewith, immediately following the Abstract.